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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows.

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Please replace the mend the first full paragraph (lines 10-30) with the following rewritten paragraph.

--In the first example a cDNA copy of a defective interfering (DI) virus variant of Sindbis virus was used to carry the CAT gene. RNA was transcribed in vitro and used to transfect avian cells and some CAT protein production could be demonstrated after infecting cells with wild-type Sindbis virus. The latter viirus provided the